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1. TRYBUNA LUDU OF JULY 21 ANNOUNCED A POLISH-CZECHOSLOVAK AGREEMENT FACILITATING TOURIST TRAVEL BY CITIZENS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. WHEN THE AGREEMENT GOES INTO EFFECT ON AUGUST 20, TRAVELERS WILL BE ABLE TO CROSS THE BORDER FOR UP TO A MONTH USING ONLY NATIONAL IDENTITY CARDS AND DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENCY EXCHANGE. THE PURPOSE OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENT IS TO PERMIT CITIZENS OF EACH COUNTRY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT "ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BUILDING SOCIALISM, CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS, LIFE-STYLE, AND THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE OTHER, THE REPORT ANNOUNCED.

2. COMMENT: THE ABOLITION OF PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS IS
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MOST WELCOME TO THE POLES, WHO MAKE MORE TRIPS ABROAD THAN ANY OF THEIR ALLIES IN THE WARSAW PACT. HOW THE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS OF POLISH SPENDING SPREES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL BE WORKED OUT REMAINS TO BE SEEN AND IS UNCLEAR IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT. AN EAST GERMAN CUSTOMS OFFICIAL TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT A SIMILAR PROBLEM AT THE POLISH-GDR BORDER WAS PARTIALLY SOLVED BY VIRTUALLY DISMANTLING EVERY ELEVENTH POLISH CAR RETURNING

FROM A DAY TRIP TO EAST GERMANY.
END COMMENT.
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